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The Nation breaks ground for a new Law Enforcement Center



Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Ho-Chunk Nation took one more step to strengthen its sovereignty and the ability to enforce the laws of its people on its own tribal land.

Several Ho-Chunk Nation dignitaries handled shovels broke ground Friday for the new Ho-Chunk Law Enforcement Center on Friday, September 29, next to the present tribal court building along Highway 54, Black River Falls.

The proposed 13,000-square-foot center will be home for the Ho-Chunk Police Department.

"We've made history today," said Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer during the ceremony. "What we have here today is truly amazing. Sometimes it's hard to get shovel to earth. Today is for those folks who worked for this. I'm really glad there are proponents for change. "It's the community – it's the people who pushed for this," Greendeer said. "They're trying to put us in charge of our own destiny."

The Nation officially formed its police department with the swearing-in ceremony for its first police chief three years ago, and it began

regular patrols in Jackson County five months ago under Police Chief Earl Lemieux and Officer Zachary Quackenbush.

The idea for a sovereign Nation police department began about 30 years ago, when a Ho-Chunk law enforcement commission formed.

The police force's long-term goal is to have jurisdiction over all Nation territories. The completion of the center will allow it to have its own home for offices, evidence processing and other duties after working out of two offices in the tribal court building since its inception.

The idea of the Ho-Chunk Nation having its own police force came about in the 1980s. Part of the original



Dennis Funmaker Sr. offers a blessing of tobacco for Grandmother Earth during the groundbreaking ceremony.



Turning earth for the newly-proposed Law Enforcement Center are (from left) Nettie Kingsley, JoAnn Jones, Cecelia Kraus, Nation Police Chief Earl Lemieux, President Jon Greendeer, Susan Weber, Ron Adamski, Chris Estebo, Jon Pettibone and Dennis Funmaker.

planning was Cecilia Kraus, who named all the people responsible for the day, but did not live to see it come into fruition.

"It's been a long process, and a lot of people put their heart and souls into getting this done," Kraus said.

Kraus also mentioned Carson Funmaker law enforcement commission chairman, who wasn't able to attend the ceremony.

"He's really pushed it forward and put a lot of effort into this," she said.

"We've come a long way since the 1980s and 1990s," she added.

The Police Department has three squad cars and

plans are to hire three more officers. This will allow for more enforcement in Nation areas as the department grows. The new facility will have holding cells, but also will continue to receive assistance from the Jackson County Sheriff's Department for dispatch and booking procedures.

Funding for the proposed law enforcement center will come in part from approximately \$600,000 in a gaming compact deduction and other grant funding the Nation plans to pursue.

"We made history, and we're doing it today as we speak," Jon Pettibone, law enforcement commission

member, said at the groundbreaking ceremony. "We're looking at taking care of our own people."

The initiative wasn't always a welcomed one, but it's important for the Nation to maintain its sovereignty and assist its people, Pettibone said.

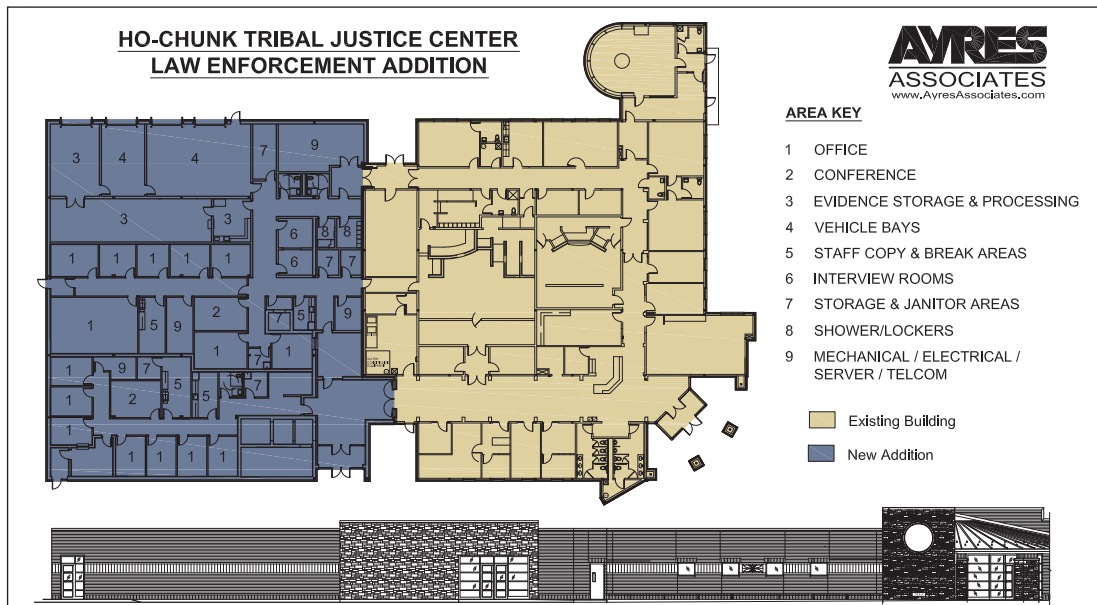
The Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department will have a presence in six counties through agreements in Jackson, Sauk, Monroe, Juneau, Shawano and Wood counties.

The anticipated completion date is March 2014. Altmann Construction of Wisconsin Rapids is the contractor.

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Aho

Greetings, to all Native People in the four directions. I and my wife humbly ask. If you would take time from your life and read what comes from our heart and minds. This past summer on July 23rd as my wife, family and I traveled back to South Dakota from Wisconsin. We received a phone call via cell phone from her son. Her son had explained to my wife and I a white rancher shot five of our horses. After they had gotten out earlier that same morning. My wife was very upset, and there was nothing we could do. We were midway thru Minnesota when the call came. And we continued on our way home and to an uncertain reality, and to confront an evil we only heard about or mildly experienced through the course of our lives. [Prejudice]

The non-native Rancher shot five horses, killing four. And the four that died, suffered terribly. The rancher lives 2 miles north of our residence. He also leases Tribal land. Some of the Tribal land he leases is a stone's throw away from our house. In the past he has stepped foot on my wife's property and said derogatory remarks concerning her native ancestry. My wife has never said or done anything to provoke him. In fact we didn't pay him any attention. His actions are of a Godless man who does not value or respect life; he is also, arrogant and ignorant. Especially if you can shoot five horses in close proximity to people's homes and not care if a stray bullet hurts somebody. My wife who is not violent was terrified of him because he seemed to taunt us by continually driving by our home in his pick-up truck at speeds, far exceeding the speed limit. And he also has hired hands that will do anything he pays them to do. [One brown pick-up truck in particular pulled in to our drive way the words NE FARM HAND on the

rear.] The night we arrived back to our home my wife and I found one of our horses hiding on our property. He was shot in the abdomen and in the neck. The bullet is still in his abdomen. She stayed awake for the next four days. Looking in the surrounding property for our painted stallion. Who is still missing? The next day the rancher drove by in his truck and my wife saw him, he smiled and waved. Since we received news of the actions of the evil man on our drive back from Wisconsin. My wife has been emotionally, mentally and spiritually devastated. All the time she spent with our horses. One Arabian mare, two painted horses and one Buckskin mare. They were not just any horses they were our best horses. And any Native person could look at them and appreciate God's creation. The Arabian mare had been with us for twelve summers. And was very special, she was the definition of the meaning holy dog. She comforted my wife when we lost our daughter, and when she lost her father Joseph and Brother Larry. To be around the Arabian Mare, and have her know what's in your heart and to see and feel what's on your mind and what's happening in your life. They truly must be Holy! My wife was taught by her father Joseph to ride and break horses bareback. The main teaching handed down thru the generations to her father. "Horses are Holy to the Ihanktowan people!" My father-in-law explained to me he came from a line of horse whisperer's, he told my wife she had all the traits of a whisperer. Joseph said "When a woman breaks a horse the way she does it, that horse is broke!" Joseph also said. "When a man wanted a wife he would bring horses to the girl's father and if the horses were acceptable, the girl's father would give his daughter's hand in

marriage, it also showed he could provide for her!" The Arabian mare was a gift to my father-in-law and my wife in recognition for his old teachings. And how he took me aside and explained to me, my wife's native lineage.

My wife and I are state certified foster parents and some of the children we have cared for have been abused and neglected. Being around our horse's some of the children we cared for no longer needed counseling. I didn't have to grow up around horses to recognize the effect they had on our foster children.

My wife and I never expected this to happen. And we had know idea a man who lived just down the road would harbor hate and take his extreme prejudice out on our beloved animals. Some time after the incident we had a concerned visitor come to our home. The visitor said to my wife "He is bragging in town to every one he shot your horses. He also said he saw the look of devastation on your face when he drove by, he waved and he said he would do it all over again a thousand time just to see that look on your face!" The visitor also said "Don't go anywhere by your self and carry a cell phone with you all the time!" The Federal Bureau of Investigation [FBI] defines terrorism as "the unlawful use of force

or violence against persons or property to intimidate or coerce a government, the civilian population, or any segment thereof, in furtherance of political or social objectives". Three years ago, the same rancher was on my wife's property. His words were, "You dirty ---ing Indians you all need to be on reservations, I give thousands of dollars to the lawyer so you people don't get your jurisdiction back!" [YS Tribe vs. Podhradsky, 606F.3d 994 (8th Cir. 2010)] The violent shooting of our horses, the political objection to Tribal Jurisdiction, and my wife a member of a federally recognized tribe. [Author is member of the Hocak Nation] And a resident of the YS reservation. She was terrified of a man who executed his extreme prejudice, taunted her and bragged about his actions. All the elements of terrorism are there. The evil man chased horses that were on tribal property and claims they were on his property. But only after he chased them. I don't have to turn the news on to hear about violence. All I have to do is go outside and look upon our empty pasture it's reminder enough of the evil that lurks right at the edge of our property.

Both my wife and I both have fathers that have served in the armed forces. Her brother and my Grandfather and my uncles are combat

veterans. They raised their hands and took an oath, and gave up apart of their lives to defend our way of life and the constitution of the United States. Our way of life is what our parents instilled to us since infancy. On our property we have a piece ground that is hallowed and it used to set up a tee-pee and pray for our children and their children and ourselves. We still have horses. It seemed our spiritual and physical way of life was attacked on July 23rd, 2013. Both my wife and I are thankful our parents had teachings. And we have used their teachings as a guide and will continue on using them in our everyday walk of life. Our thanks go to almighty Creator with out him nothing would be possible. Also to our relative Faith Spotted Eagle and Mary thank you for your article.

My wife and I waited to speak and we given it plenty of thought and prayed about it. We would like the relatives in the four directions to know what happen to us on our wayback from my mother's first memorial prayer service. Through God, and the way He cares for us, and our sacred animals we have become stronger, spiritually and mentally.

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Tomah VA to offer drive through flu clinic

Submitted by Scott Farley, Dept. of Veterans Affairs
The Tomah VA Medical Center will offer a drive through flu shot clinic to Veterans, VA volunteers and VA employees on October 17, 18. Veterans won't even have to get out of their cars to get the immunization that will protect them from the mild to severe illness that can even lead to death, especially in older adults. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting vaccinated each year. The VA is providing flu shots on a drive through basis. Information is listed below. The Tomah VA flu clinic, which runs through December 13, is being held in Building 400, room 2037. Tomah VA's Drive Through Flu Clinic

October 17, 18, 2013 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Who is eligible for Drive Through Flu clinic: Veterans enrolled in VA healthcare Registered Tomah VA Volunteers VA employees Enter at Tomah VA's 4th Street, and don't forget to bring VA identification. You may stay in your car, but please dress so you can expose your upper arm. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: Gail Bertolino, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Program Manager (608) 372-3971, ext. 64097
For more information about the Tomah VA and its programs, please contact the Tomah VA office of public affairs at (608) 372-7759 or by e-mail scott.farley@va.gov.

October is National Disabilities Month

They are people first. It is about what they can do not what they can't do.



Pictured are (from left) George Rave, son of Michelle Greendeer-Rave and Lance Rave, and Abbie Jo Sims, daughter of AJ Sims and Candace Conant.

Violence in the work place training at the House of Wellness

Sherman Funmaker
Staff Writer

Local instructors Justin Godfriaux, chief instructor and owner Randy Beck of Karate America out of Cottage Grove Wisconsin came to talk to the staff of the House of Wellness about violence in the workplace and how to deal with violence or disruptions.

Workplace violence is any act or threat of physical violence, harassment, intimidation, or other threatening disruptive behavior that occurs at the work site. It ranges from threats and verbal abuse to physical assaults and even homicide. It can affect and involve employees, clients,

women in the workplace. However it manifests itself, workplace violence is a major concern for employers and employees nationwide.

Randy Beck is a 6th degree black belt that began his journey in 1978 and got his black belt in 1985. He was the State Sparring Champion in 1996 and the #1 Contender in Full Contact Fighting in 1988 in the state of Minnesota.

Justin Godfriaux began his martial arts study in 1987 at age 6, and earned his black belt in 1991. He has been an instructor in the Karate America system for 21 years. Justin has an expertise level high enough to teach to all skill levels. He has been referred to as the instructor's

instructor. This is because of his vast exposure to several martial arts disciplines, as he is always looking to improve his skills as well as the skill level of his students.

The staff at the House of Wellness gathered to hear the instructors talk and exhibit some defense tactics if ever faced with a disgruntled patron or employee.

Nearly 2 million American workers report having been victims of workplace violence each year. Unfortunately,

many more cases go unreported. The truth is, workplace violence can strike anywhere, anytime, and no one is immune. Research has identified factors that may increase the risk of violence for some workers at certain worksites.

Such factors include exchanging money with the public and working with volatile, unstable people.



From Karate America instructors Justin Godfriaux and owner Randy Beck demonstrate moves for the staff.

customers and visitors. Homicide is currently the fourth-leading cause of fatal occupational injuries in the United States. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries, of the 4,547 fatal workplace injuries that occurred in the United States in 2010, 506 were workplace homicides. Homicide is the leading cause of death for



House of Wellness staff are shown some defensive moves.



The staff team up to go through some of the routines.

Working alone or in isolated areas may also contribute to the potential for violence. Providing services and care, and working where alcohol is served may also impact the likelihood of violence.

Additionally, time of day and location of work, such as working late at night or in areas with high crime rates, are also risk factors that should be considered when addressing issues of workplace violence. Among those with higher risk are workers who exchange money with the public, delivery drivers, healthcare professionals, public service workers, customer service agents, law enforcement personnel, and those who work alone or in small groups.

Seven Tips for Preventing Workplace Violence

1. Assess Your Work Environment

Critically examine all areas of your work environment, including parking lots,

entryways, reception areas, work areas, and offices. Is the lighting adequate? Are there convenient escape routes? Do you have a method to summon assistance?

2. Pay Attention to the Warning Signs

Many people who become violent communicate their intentions in advance. Threats from customers, coworkers, or third parties should be reported immediately.

3. Promote Respect

The best way to prevent violence in the workplace is to foster a day-to-day attitude of respect and consideration in your work environment.

4. Eliminate Potential Weapons

Take a mental inventory of objects available in your immediate work area that could be potential weapons. Remove or secure objects that could be thrown.

5. Know Your Violence Response Procedures

Violence Response

Procedures are simple plans designed to minimize injury during a violent incident. These procedures should include a plan to summon assistance and move people to a safe area.

6. Trust Your Instincts

Don't ignore your internal warning system. If you sense impending danger, react accordingly.

7. Use a Team Approach

If you are in a situation in which hostility could occur, use the "buddy system."

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Kindles donated to child daycare centers

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When it comes to learning, reading is important. Reading opens the door to understanding.

That’s why the Social Services Department, Community Supportive Services Division, Child Care Voucher Program, recently provided 21 Kindles to seven daycare providers on Tuesday, October 1.

Kindles are electronic tablets which display the text of books for reading and can store more than 1,000 electronic books in its memory.

“In our grant from the Child Care Development Fund, we have money for provider assistance,” said Child Care Program Coordinator Sarah Funmaker. “We had called several daycare providers and asked them what kind of tools would enable them to teach the children various things or what would aid them in the childcare services that they provide every day. The majority of them had stated Kindles or iPads.”

The amount of Kindles given to each provider was dependent on how

many Ho-Chunk children they provide for, Funmaker said.

Also, a four-place stroller was given to the Children’s Learning Village – Montessori in Black River Falls.

“The stroller was requested by the Children’s Learning Village – Montessori,” Funmaker said. “Since the stroller was more expensive than the Kindles and was requested by them, we decided to give the stroller instead.”

All childcare centers received a first-aid kit.

Receiving Kindles were:

Away to Learn – Tomah
Boys and Girls Club – Black River Falls
Black River Child Care and Preschool – Black River Falls
Learn & Play Day Care – Black River Falls
Bear-A-Boo Day Care – Baraboo
St. Joseph Catholic Parish – Baraboo
La Petite Academy – Madison

“The items will be used to further the education of the children or the items will make it easier to provide care to the children,” Funmaker said.



Present for the Kindle donation at the Department of Social Services Building are (from left) Ho-Chunk Public Relations Officer Collin Price; Child Care Program Coordinator Sarah Funmaker; Children’s Learning Village- Montessori Director Lee Ann Mortenson; St. Joseph Child Care Director Mandy Beauchamp; Boys and Girls Club of Jackson County Director Diane Moen-Ross; and Black River Child Care Secretary Lisa Olson.

UW Dejope Residence Hall hosts WPT program

Sherman Funmaker
Staff Writer

On Wednesday October 2nd the Dejope residence hall on the UW campus in Madison hosted an evening of song, video presentations and a talk by a Ho-Chunk elder that was featured in the television program.

Wisconsin Public Television has produced a documentary series featuring all 11 Wisconsin Native tribes

with tribal member Andy Thundercloud featured in the Ho-Chunk Nation portion of the series.

This documentary will air in November of 2014.

From the UW Division of Housing’s Jeff Hinz organized the event that showed a portion of the documentary with talks by Ho-Chunk Legislator, David Greendeer with tribal elder Andy Thundercloud talking about his life and times, his relatives and the history of the Ho-Chunk people.

The crowd of about 100 people gathered at the newly constructed residence hall to watch and listen.

The Thundercloud Singers were the featured drum for the event.

Mr. Thundercloud talked at length about his upbringing, listening to his father and grandfather telling stories and teaching language to him as a young boy. He said that not only his parents and grandparents were a big part of his growing up, but also all of his relatives.

He talked about the



The fire circle that sits in front of the dormitory. It holds plaques honoring all 11 tribes of Wisconsin.



District II Legislator David Greendeer spoke on behalf of the President’s office.



The Thundercloud Singers filled the hall with song.

importance of the Ho-Chunk language and how it defines who we are as a people.

He went into the history of the people he spoke of the origin of the Ho-Chunk people and the history of the people in the Madison area.

“We were here many years ago and this was a part of our homeland. We planted crops and fished and lived here before any of this was here. Our ancestors were here. Each of these lakes have a specific name but collectively it was called Dejope. This land is sacred to us. We try to maintain that relationship with Grandmother Earth, with the trees, with the rocks and the water. I take a look at it now and how the university is here and I think it’s a fantastic thing. There are several Ho-Chunks that have gone to school here and have moved on. We talk about education but are we talking about Ho-

Chunk education or the white education? I am proud of the education I got here but I tell everyone that I am also proud of the Ho-Chunk education I got from my grandmother and grandfather and aunts and uncles. I want all of us to be proud of being Ho-Chunk.” Thundercloud said.

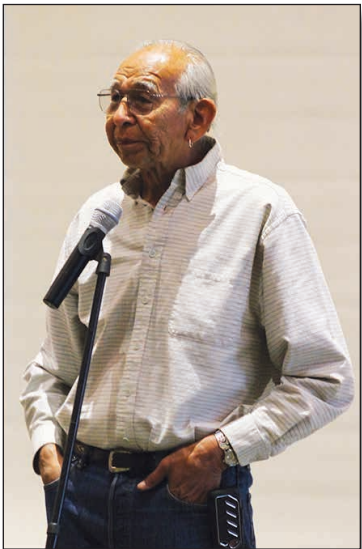
The newly built University dorm sits on the shore of Lake Mendota and was named in honor of the name given to this area by the Ho-Chunk people.

The four story building has many Ho-Chunk aspects among the design of the building and it’s interior.

In the main floor hangs a blanket from UW alum and renowned artist Truman Lowe and has replicas of the many burial mounds located in the Madison area imbedded into the flooring of the building.

The university wanted to honor the tribe’s rich history

of the area and by naming this beautiful dormitory complex the Dejope Residence Hall it achieved that goal.



Ho-Chunk elder speaks to the crowd gathered at UW Dejope Residence Hall.

Portage golfer Julia White and her team head to sectionals

Sherman Funmaker
Staff Writer

For the third year in a row the Portage Warriors girl’s golf team has won the Badger North title and on Monday the 7th found themselves in the WIAA girl’s sectional meet held at Odana Golf Course in Madison.

Ho-Chunk tribal member and golfer Julia White and her squad didn’t do as well as they would have liked but still came away with the satisfaction of getting this far this year.

“I look forward to playing again next year and have hopes of playing in college after high school.” Julia said.

Julia, the daughter of Molli Pauliot and the late Dallas White has been playing golf since about 9 and started competitive golf by age of 13. She has been playing with Portage High School’s golf team since she was a



Julia drops a putt while her brother Pierson White looks on.

freshman and is now ranked fourth on her team’s roster. The 16 year-old high school junior also likes playing other sports but after an injury playing soccer she decided to focus more on golf.

With family and friends on the course walking with her and cheering every shot Julia admitted that she just got out of her head a bit and it may have cost a few strokes.

On the day of the sectional meet, Julia looks very comfortable with how she is playing. She hits some real good shots and shows a lot of poise. She said she feels that her putting is her strong asset but on that day they just didn’t seem to be falling. Her drives are good and she said that she usually hits her drives around 215. Not bad for a young high school student.

Julia and her team were eliminated but she still is very upbeat about how she played and how the team did as a whole.

They showed a lot of promise and you can see the dedication they have toward one another.

“She played in the Indigenous Games in 2010 and came away with a Silver Medal. She will play at those games again next year” her mother Molli said.

Off the golf course Julia is a good student who is involved with several clubs including student council. She is into cheerleading and health issues and would like to study either nursing or some health related field after she graduates from high school. This year she was picked one of 5 students in



With family Molli, her step-dad Dean Pauliot, Julia, brother Pierson White and from the Thundercloud Golf Academy, Quentin Thundercloud.

her class to the schools leadership program, which helps other students get acquainted with high school life and is available to help out other students in a leadership role.

She credits her family and friends for helping her with her golf game. She said that there support is what keeps her going and keeps her focused. She has a good support system that is always there to help.

From the Thundercloud Golf Academy, Quentin Thundercloud was on hand that day to cheer her on as she walked the course. His golf school has helped many a Ho-Chunk youth golfers with Julia being just one of

them.

Last year at the LPGA Women’s Open held in Kohler WI she volunteered to be a sign bearer and got to see a lot of good golfers up close.

“It was a thrill to see those really good players and to be around that level of play. I was with a couple of really good players and it was good to see seasoned players. I was with the number 3 ranked golfer, Stacy Lewis. It was quite an experience” Julia said.

She looks forward to going to one of the Wisconsin State colleges after graduation and remains focused on her studies, her future and her golf game.

Pakistani teacher shares his culture during Family Night

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Family Nights are always fun times to share and to learn at each of the Ho-Chunk Youth and Learning Centers.

One of those enjoyable times was a visit to the Nekoosa Youth and Learning Center by Iftikhar Memon, a teacher employed by the Ho-Chunk Nation at Black River Falls Schools.

Iftikhar told the audience of approximately 30 people about his homeland of Pakistan on Thursday, September 26. But before he told about the land and people, all participants were treated to a meal of some genuine Pakistani food.

Iftikhar has been in the United States for 16 years. He came to this country on behalf of the government of Pakistan.

“I am a federal government officer,” he said. “I was a professor and all the professors work directly for the president of the country. When they asked me where I wanted to go for school, I said ‘Minnie-soda’ (Minnesota).”

English is official language of Pakistan, that’s why he is able to



Tina Arnold displays a dress that is typically worn by Pakistani women

communicate with Americans so well, he said. But also, each tribe has its own language and dialect.

Iftikhar displayed clothes and items representing his culture.

In Pakistan, religion is an important component of the culture. The majority of people are Muslim, but there are people who worship in the Hindu, Christian, and Buddhist religion. They are represented as the white stripe in the Pakistan flag, Iftikhar said.

Pakistan is situated with China, India, Afghanistan, Iran and Russia on its border, so the potential of foreign influence is great. But in the tribal areas, the local people make sure their culture is held to tradition.

In a tribal area, there are no crimes, no drugs, and no violence, he said.

“It is one culture,” he said. “They don’t allow people from other tribes to stay. They can come, hang out, but then must go back home.

“They don’t let them settle down because they know they will infect their culture,” he said.

Most of the country is rural, boasting magnificent and majestic mountains. K2 is the second highest peak in the Himalayan Mountains, which attracts visitors from around the world. Many of the tribes are remote in the mountains.

“It is amazingly beautiful,” Iftikhar said. He went back to visit his homeland two years ago and said, “It was magnificent.”

But in the big cities, there is a mixture of cultures. The big cities have all the amenities, such as stores, hospitals and universities, where all the cultures meet. They have all the

interactions of big cities as well.

“Just like Chicago,” he said. “The bigger the city -- the more mixture of cultures.”

The capital of Pakistan is Islamabad, which is very high tech, he said. Karachi is the largest city in the area he is from. Many great surgeons in the world come from King Edward University, which was built in 1860. More great surgeons graduate from that university than any in world, he said.

The government is more of a socialist format, with medical care and education being provided free for its citizens.

“The population 172 million,” Iftikhar said. “It is considered a poor country, however feeds 172 million everyday three times a day. How can a country feed 172 million three times a day and be considered poor? Well, America views Pakistan as poor.”

In Pakistan, there are many tribes. “Many believe in their own language, culture and tradition. And tribal people love dancing,” Iftikhar said. “I am from the Sindhi tribe, which is a very small tribe. We are considered warriors.”

Because of his warrior background, his teaching methods are considered by his students as scrappy

“We are very aggressive teachers in Pakistan, and that is our culture. We will never back off. We will never back down,” he said. “We are very different teachers than the teachers you have in Black River Falls and America.”

Every boy and girl is taught about Allama Iqbal, who is considered the founder of the country of Pakistan.



Iftikhar explains how men wearing this certain type of wrap designates their tribe; this shows he is of the Sindhi tribe of Pakistan.

In 1930, his dream was to have a separate homeland from the British, which created a movement that was very popular with the people. He was considered a great philosopher.

“Iqbal had the belief that an eagle will go high in sky and open its wings, and able to balance its weight,” Iftikhar said. “Likewise, a leader is the one who can balance everything out.”

Iftikhar showed images of mosques, which appear frequently throughout the country and where people pray five times a day.

When asked about his views of America, he said he does like the Ho-Chunk Nation and its people because of the thousands of years of culture and tradition.

General Council meeting viewed as productive

Marlon WhiteEagle Editor

On September 28, 2013, the General Council branch of the Ho-Chunk Nation held its annual meeting at the Ho-Chunk Convention Center in Baraboo, Wisconsin. The General Council Agency organizes the annual meeting details. Quorum was reached early Saturday morning.

Reports were given by the four branches of the Ho-Chunk Nation government: Chief Judge of the Ho-Chunk

Nation Trial Court, Jo Deen Lowe; Vice President of the Ho-Chunk Nation, Heather Cloud; President of the Ho-Chunk Nation, John Greendeer; and Chairman of the General Council Agency, Marvin Decorah all gave their reports.

Ho-Chunk tribal member, Scott Kingswan, also gave a presentation on his race team efforts.

Gerald Cleveland Sr., Marcus Lewis, and Robert Funmaker Jr. were all

Welcome and Flag songs. Bearheart was also set up to sing at the meeting.

Tribal elder, Willard Lonetree, offered a prayer to begin the meeting.

The 2013 General Council agenda was set with eighteen resolutions presented. The first twelve resolutions were addressed. The six resolutions that weren't addressed must be reintroduced at the next meeting the General Council. Seven resolutions were successfully passed, while five were defeated.

The resolutions that were voted through are: To amend the constitution removing the requirement that the Secretary of Interior conduct an election to amend the constitution (64% in favor), Increase GCA annual meeting attendance disbursement from \$100 to \$150 (59% in favor), Amend constitution in the event that both offices of the President and Vice-President are vacant (47% in favor), Amend constitution eliminating the General Council from the disenrollment process (48% in favor), Legislature establish Section 17 Corporate charter (49% in favor), Amend personnel policies and hiring practices and dissolve "at



Sanford White Eagle American Legion Post 556 and Auxiliary present the colors to begin the annual meeting.



Passage of the Section 17 Federal Charter Corporation paves the way for new ways to generate revenue.

nominated to Chair the 2013 General Council meeting. Cleveland won the nomination. He named his wife, Iris Cleveland, as the secretary, and Maynard Rave Jr. as the sergeant at arms.

The Sanford White Eagle American Legion Post 556 and the Auxiliary served at the color guard, while Thunderbear sang the

will" positions (66% in favor), and Bind policy that defines malfeasance and mandates that the HCN Constitution be absolutely adhered to (59% in favor).

The resolutions that were not passed are: Removal of the President of the Ho-Chunk Nation Jon Greendeer for malfeasance at the September 28, 2013 Annual General Council Meeting (74% against), Amend the General Council annual meeting procedures and elect a chair, alternate chair, and recording secretary (50% against), Set the meeting start time and limit business to six hours

(65% against), Support Scott Kingswan's racing application for funding in the amount of \$75k (78% against), and Dissolve the General Council Agency (66% against).

Of the remaining unaddressed resolutions, four were to amend the constitution. One was to amend the bylaws of the General Council Agency, and one to remove \$300 Legislature rent stipend. These resolutions will need to be reintroduced to be added to the next General Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned around 6 pm.

HCG-Madison adds more parking spaces

Sherman Funmaker Staff Writer

It took a while to get the plan and construction done but the North parking lot for HCG- Madison is ready to be opened for the public. At the time of this writing there was just a few touch ups to finish



Entrance to the Ho-Chunk Gaming-Madison.

before it opens for gaming patrons.

The casino site in Madison has been in need of more parking with all 700 parking spots filled even on busy weekdays.

According to Dan Brown, Executive Manager at the gaming site, when there is an event the parking extends out onto the street and into this once gravel lot as it is hard for some customers to get to the casino and problems getting people in and out.

The space that was selected is where the old Ramada Hotel once stood.

The reason it took a while to complete was because of the city of Madison's strict zoning and construction

codes.

There were many meetings between the city and the Nation concerning all of the things that needed to be done to get to the completion of the parking project.

Mr. Brown added that the Indian Reservations Roads Federal funding assisted with the cost of the paving of the lot. He mentioned that with the help of Angie Waage of the Ho-Chunk Nations Business Department and Garrett Blackdeer and his staff also should be commended in bringing this project to completion.

"There will be an additional 400 spaces for cars and also room for semi-trucks and busses. We are now far more



The newly built parking lot located where the Ramada used to stand.

confident in hosting big weekend promotions now that we may provide a quality service amenity that will better assure higher patron traffic, hence additional revenues for the Ho-Chunk Nation." Brown added.

Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison is open 24 hours a day and is a class II gaming facility. It houses 1100 state-of-the-art bingo slot games with 10 electronic poker tables and casual dining at the Gamers Grill.

Ho-Chunk, Inc. subsidiary awarded \$1.9 Million contract

Submitted by Patrick Foley, Blue Earth Marketing

Ho-Chunk, Inc. is pleased to announce the receipt of a \$1.9 million contract to a company in its Flatwater Group division. The Flatwater Group includes companies specializing in federal business products and services for information technology, office equipment and furnishings, electronics and support services.

The Flatwater Group company, All Native Solutions, completed a \$1.9 million contract with the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribe providing furniture, fixtures and equipment for a

newly constructed building on the Reservation. This included the acquisition of furniture, fixtures and equipment; the installation of those items; as well as the overall project management of the contract. The building is scheduled to open this fall 2013.

The site is a 400,000 square foot administration building on the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Reservation. All Native Solutions provided interior design services by identifying the correct furniture, fixtures and equipment that were selected for procurement and installation. This included the brand, size, number, fabric, colors and materials.

The company's design team provided the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Program Manager with floor plans for the furniture, fixtures and equipment as well as pictorial three-dimensional drawings that identified all of the acquired items under the contract and the location of where they were placed.

"It was truly a great opportunity to work with the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribe on their new administration building," stated Lance Morgan, President and CEO of Ho-Chunk, Inc. "The size and scope of this new building is a remarkable example of the

Tribe's progress as a whole. We hope to have another opportunity to work with them in the future."

All Native Solutions and the Flatwater Group are headquartered in Winnebago, Nebraska and also maintain offices in Bellevue, Nebraska and Arlington, Virginia. The company has provided services for the Internal Revenue Service, Defense Commissary Agency, U.S. Marine Corps, and the U.S. Air Force.

Ho-Chunk, Inc. is the award-winning economic development corporation owned by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. Its

mission is to provide long-term economic self-sufficiency and job opportunities for the Winnebago Tribe. Ho-Chunk, Inc. operates 35 subsidiaries and employs more than 1,000 people from diverse ethnic backgrounds and skills sets. Ho-Chunk, Inc. and subsidiary operations span more than 16 states and 8 foreign countries. Other subsidiary operations include information technology, construction, government contracting, green energy, retail, wholesale distribution, marketing, media and transportation.

Housing manager Bob Pulley says farewell

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

For almost 18 years, one month short of that milestone, Bob Pulley has been working with Ho-Chunk Housing.

He’s been the property manager and has enjoyed his work, but now he’s decided to hang up his hat.

A retirement party was held for him on Friday, October 4, at the Bluewing Community Center in Tomah.

Many a tearful testimony was told that day, telling of Bob’s love for his job, his fellow worker and the people they serve. There also were a few humorous tales told, those mostly of bat extermination and an overindulgence of coffee. But mostly, it was Bob’s dedication to helping others that moved the crowd that had gathered.

“The big thing is helping other people,” Bob said after the retirement party. “That’s my faith – being a servant.”

Bob started in November 1995 with the same department and the same job title that he has retired with, so he has seen many changes over the years.

“There have been enormous changes in the Housing Department,” Bob said. “We went from no rental units when I began to having 146 housing rentals today. Rental units have helped a lot of people, still there are 80-90

people presently on the waiting list.

One of the changes Bob have seen during his years with Housing includes a phasing-out of Housing and Public Works, which employed workers to repair housing units, and even built a few houses, but now the work is contracted out to various construction firms and plumbers.

Bob has helped answer questions and found solutions to problems people were having with housing. He’s worked with state and county agencies to provide the assistance necessary. The staff is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, day or night because emergencies crop up at all times, emergencies such as the failure of a furnace in the winter or a house fire. They provide tents and “rough boxes” for funerals, even erecting tents, installing tent heaters and setting up tables and chairs.

He has great admiration and respect for the five men who make up the maintenance crew.

“They’re the greatest guys to work with,” he said. “In the hottest days of summer or the coldest days of winter, they go out and do what they have to do.”

They work hard for the benefit of the housing tenant, even the rental units.

“Some people might say, ‘It’s just a rental unit,’ but we do our best



Ho-Chunk Public Relations Officer Collin Price presents Bob Pulley with a framed certificate for his many years in the Housing Department.

to prepare the house because ‘It’s somebody’s home,’” he said. “We never say ‘It’s just a rental.’”

Most tribal members have no idea what all housing does, he said.

“It’s come a long ways,” he said.

As for his future, now that he has retired, he isn’t quite sure.

“I have no idea,” Bob said. “I’ll probably work around the house and

the yard. But mostly it’s going to free me up to do more work with my church and continue to improve other people’s lives.”

He wants his former employers, his former co-workers, and the people he served, to know that he is going to miss them.

“I do wish the best for the Ho-Chunk Nation and the people,” he said. “I will miss them.”

Rockman stands ground on election challenge

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

The case of Dr. Jeremy Rockman challenging the actions of the Election Board continued on Friday, September 27 in Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court for a Motion Hearing and a Status Conference.

Rockman appeared in person, while Election Board Chair Judy Whitehorse and Election Board Attorney Heidi Drobnick were present by telephone, before pro tem Trial Court Justice Paul Stenzel.

The Election Board was seeking to dismiss the case based on its belief that Rockman had not filed in time in a challenge to their decision not to certify him as winner as associate justice.

Drobnick contended that Rockman did not file his complaint within 10 days from the June 4 election.

Drobnick contended that Rockman’s challenge to the election process was too late, that he should have filed by June 15, but he filed on July 21, which is 37 days after the June 4 election.

“There is a Ho-Chunk statute of limitations that says it must be within 10 days,” Drobnick said.

Confusion over which election needed to be challenged because the General Election was held on June 4 and the Primary Election was held on July 7, of which Rockman’s name again appeared on the ballot, Judge Stenzel said.

“Since Dr. Rockman received more than 50 percent in the Primary Election, why was there a General Election?” Judge Stenzel asked.

It had to do with his qualification, Drobnick said. He had to be admitted to the Ho-Chunk Bar.

“Wouldn’t this have come to light before June 5?” Judge Stenzel asked.

Drobnick said there was a challenge of Rockman’s qualification by Mary Jo Brooks-Hunter, but the challenge was withdrawn. Consequently there was no court order.

“If Dr. Rockman got more than 50 percent in the Primary, why was there a General scheduled then?” the Judge asked. “If a candidate receives more than 50 percent in the primary, then they’re declared the winner.”

He didn’t meet qualifications at that time, Drobnick.

“Why did the Election Board allow him to be on the ballot?” Judge Stenzel asked. “On page 18 of the Election Code it says, ‘Prior to an election, the Election Board shall hold a meeting to certify that all candidates meet the qualifications for office and therefore verify all documents to be true and accurate.’ Was that meeting held? I assume that Dr. Rockman was certified, because his name appeared on the ballot.”

“That’s my understanding -- he was certified and that’s what the protest was that he should not have been certified as he was not qualified to run,” Drobnick said.

“But that protest didn’t go anywhere because that protest was withdrawn and there was no court order,” Judge Stenzel said.

“That is my understanding,” Drobnick said. “My understanding is that he could proceed as long as he got admitted and he didn’t become admitted, so the election board had no choice but to declare him not as the winner. If he had protested, he should have before June 15.”

Judge Stenzel asked Drobnick if the Election Board had ever not certified a candidate as a winner before.

“Since they certified the results first, then not certified him as a winner, I was wondering how those two work together,” Judge Stenzel said.

Whitehorse said that she had never had a case like this before. Drobnick told the judge about the Robert TwoBears case, where candidates were deemed not eligible for office because of the interpretation of two-term limits on legislators.

Drobnick said the Election Board allowed his name of the ballot and hope that he would get qualified before certification, but he let his deadline go by.

“What does that mean to certify results but not declare him the winner?” Judge Stenzel asked.

Drobnick referred to prior TwoBears case, where the candidates were qualified, therefore a special election needed to be held.

“Then, back in March, Rockman

should have not been certified,” Judge Stenzel said.

“There was some discussion to not certify, but that is water under the bridge,” Drobnick said. “It was the understanding he would get qualified before the election. There would have been protest if certified when he wasn’t qualified.”

“Either way you’re looking at a special election,” Judge Stenzel said.

Judge Stenzel then asked if Rockman had any comments he would like to share.

“I’ve been listening to a considerable amount of rapidly discharged judicial sophistry on the part of Attorney Drobnick and, in my view, the issue has been talked around with a considerable amount of judicial circumlocution,” Rockman said. “In the first place, the description for the position, approved by Ho-Chunk Legislature, then by the Personnel Department, says the person ‘must become and maintain membership HCN Bar if a licensed attorney.’

“The next item is ‘law degree desired, but not required. Other legal training also desired,’” Rockman said. “It doesn’t say anything about deadline of receipt of guardian ad lighten certificate, certification, or a HCN lay advocacy training certificate.

“I’ve taken international law, business law at University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire, and I’ve also taken educational law at University of California – Los Angeles, I figured that is a considerable amount of legal training in my educational background, so I figured I qualify for this position,” Rockman said.

“I was approved by Election Board, but then Mary Jo Brooks Hunter objected. Dominic Bell of Election Board indicated Mary Jo Brooks Hunter filed her protest one day late, but yet the Election Board went ahead and validated her protest anyway,” Rockman said.

Rockman said he was certified as a candidate, won 55 percent in the Primary Election and won 100 percent in the General election, but then the Election Board declared him as not a viable candidate.

Mary Jo Brooks Hunter dropped

challenge on condition that he finishes Lay Advocacy training, which he did on July 1, 2013, Rockman said

“So I finished on July 1 and also provided this certificate to Dominic Bell, but the Election Board, under their attorney Wendi Huling, said, ‘no, it’s too late,’” Rockman said.

“I filed this action not only for me, but also for the 600 voters who voted for me to have their enfranchised rights have been trampled on,” Rockman said.

To hold two more election is robbing Ho-Chunk Nation treasury of \$40,000 each election, for a total of \$80,000, he said.

“This entire process is all rigged for purpose of maintaining a high degree over this tribe,” he said.

Much of the problem is what he calls “turf-guarding.”

“There are certain elements of the in HCN judiciary who don’t want to see me ascend to position of associate justice of Supreme court because I speak straight and I’m honest and I’m not going to stand for any negative political influence where this court is concerned, where this tribe is concerned and where are people are concerned,” Rockman said.

Rockman also pointed out that no other candidate for associate justice before him was required to have completed Lay Advocacy training or become a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation Bar before their election results could be certified.

In the “Rules for Admission to Practice in the Courts of the Ho-Chunk Nation,” Rule I, Part B, it reads: “Justices of the Supreme Court elected to their position and Judges of the Trial Court appointed by the Legislature shall be eligible for special admission to practice before the Courts of the Ho-Chunk Nation. This special admission shall be limited to the duration of their elected or appointed term and expires upon their resignation, removal or recall from office.”

Judge Stenzel has yet to release a decision on the motion to dismiss.

3rd Annual Tyler Henneha and Jordan Hilling Memorial Hand Drum Contest

Sherman Funmaker
Staff Writer

On Monday September 30th the Wisconsin Dells Youth and Learning Center sponsored a Hand Drum Contest event in memory of Tyler Henneha and Jordan Hilling during their family night gathering.

Both young men lost their lives in a tragic accident in August of 2010.

The crowd of about 60 people gathered at the Community Building at Indian Heights to remember these young men that were a part of the drum circle while they were growing up.

Emcee Chuck Davis kept the event light with an occasional story or two of the young

men he came to know while working for the Youth Center.

A meal was put on with the help of the Wisconsin Dells Youth and Learning Center staff with some of the meal was donated by the Nations Heritage Preservation Department.

There seven teams that participated in the contest with all of them doing very well according to the crowd's response after each performance.

Judges for the contest were Laurie Reider, Winterstar Henneha and Jared Blackcoon.

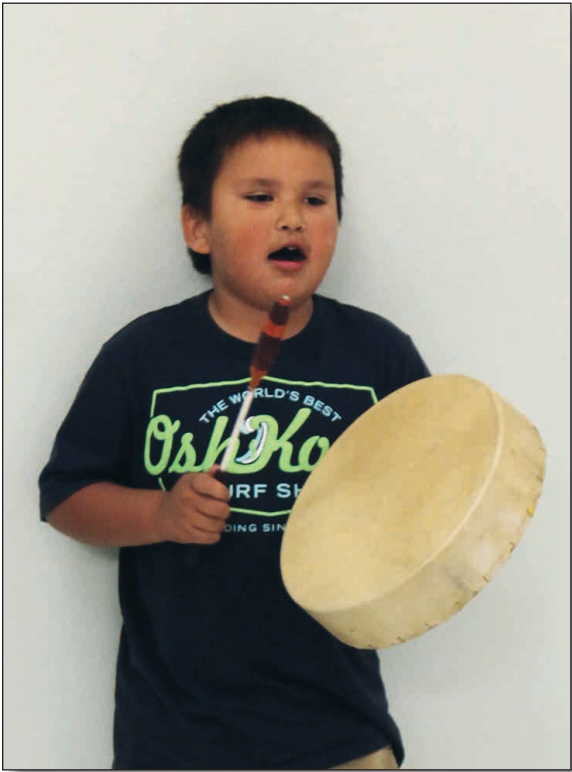
All of the contestants received some cash for participating in this memorial event.



Eventual 2nd place winners of \$100.00, Gabby Funmaker and Corey Hindsley.



Representing the ladies with Emcee Chuck Davis handling the mic, 3rd place winners of \$75.00, Justine Rasha and Alyssa Boivin.



Solo drummer Eldon Hindsley.



Lightning New Rider.



1st place winner of \$125.00, Chuck Lasley



Youth worker Damian Thundercloud hold the microphone for Damian Funmaker, Bryson Funmaker and Lennox Lasley.



Cory Funmaker and Ed Decorah.



Drumming solo, Sedrick Hindsley.

Labor Day Powwow 2013 results

Golden Age 55+ Men

- 1. Wayne Pushetonequa
- 2. Paul Cloud
- 3. Albert King
- 4. Bradford Funmaker
- 5. Herman Logan
- 6. Jerome Sanapaw

Women

- 1. Roseanne Otradovec
- 2. Patricia Eagleman
- 3. Elena Greendeer
- 4. Eunice Mallory
- 5. Annamae Pushetonequa
- 6. Sandra Winneshiek

Sr. Adult Dance 35-54 Womens - Traditional

- 1. Sayokla Williams
- 2. Bridget Morris
- 3. Cheryl Funmaker
- 4. Jamie Whiteshirt
- 5. Marsha Funmaker

Applique

- 1. Autumn White
- 2. Tracy Pecore
- 3. Rachel Falcon
- 4. Courtney Funmaker

Fancy

- 1. Crystal Cleveland
- 2. Regina Hindsley-Top Sky
- 3. Dana Davenport
- 4. Michelle Klein

Jingle

- 1. Becky Taylor
- 2. Vicky Hindsley
- 3. Gladys Two Eagle
- 4. Michelle Winneshiek

Sr. Dance 35-54 Men Traditional

- 1. Charles Hindsley
- 2. Dylan Prescott
- 3. Health Littlejohn
- 4. Kelly Logan

Fancy

- 1. Eric Hawpetoss
- 2. Damon Funmaker
- 3. Eric Logan

Grass

- 1. Haga Cleveland
- 2. Denis Nevaquaya

Sr. Adult 18-34 Womens Traditional

- 1. Bianca Whitecloud
- 2. Stefanie Clairmont
- 3. Qui-Qui St. Cyr
- 4. Denise Logan

Applique

- 1. Rochelle Mann
- 2. Kaylee Funmaker
- 3. Cindy Ward
- 4. Gabrielle Rave

Fancy

- 1. Rose Track
- 2. Anhinga Whitecloud
- 3. Heleyna Brinegar
- 4. Neola Walker

Jingle

- 1. Cassie Lasley
- 2. Grace Pushetonequa
- 3. Myalyn Spoonhunter
- 4. Rena Belle Nevaquaya

Jr. Adult Dance 18-34 Men Traditional

- 1. Dana Warrington
- 2. Albert Hindsley
- 3. John Richard
- 4. Hoonch Cleveland

Fancy

- 1. Albert King Jr.
- 2. Darrell Hall
- 3. David Cleveland
- 4. Kyle Funmaker

Grass

- 1. Austin Summers
- 2. Joseph Pecore
- 3. Charles White
- 4. MJ Demarce

Teen 13-17 Girls Traditional

- 1. Hailey Greencrow
- 2. Sylvia Walker
- 3. Savannah Whitebear
- 4. Kathalina Hernandez-White

Fancy

- 1. Anntaya Corbesia
- 2. Graci Rave
- 3. Alyssa Boybin
- 4. Victoria Funmaker

Jingle

- 1. Savannah Brown
- 2. Emmalee Clairmont
- 3. Skylar Decorah
- 4. Audrey Whitegrass

Applique

- 1. Zamantha Funmaker
- 2. Gabby Brinegar
- 3. Jasmyne Collins
- 4. Taylor Clairmont

Teen 13-17 Boys Traditional

- 1. Floyd King
- 2. Bobby Mo
- 3. Marlin Dickenson Jr
- 4. Troy Braveheart

Fancy

- 1. Kane Funmaker
- 2. Javahn Lujan
- 3. Statten Cleveland

Grass

- 1. CJ Lasley
- 2. Sedrick Hindsley
- 3. Sonny Demarce
- 4. Storm WhiteEagle

Junior 7-12 Girls Traditional

- 1. Destiny Whitecloud
- 2. Keyna Brinegar
- 3. Autama Perkins
- 4. Tavey Whitebear

Fancy

- 1. Violet Whitegrass
- 2. Hozhoni Whitecloud
- 3. Micayla Silas
- 4. Diana Sanapaw

- 2. Nancy King
- 3. Lorena Brinegar
- 4. Maddy Cleveland

Applique

- 1. Calista Stumblingbear
- 2. Jolene Pecore
- 3. Elizah Leonard
- 4. Asia Rave

Jr. 7-12 Boys Traditional

- 1. Bryson Funmaker
- 2. DJ Scott
- 3. Elijah Bear-Leonard
- 4. Cyrus Stanley

Fancy

- 1. Geo Yellowbird-Whitecloud
- 2. Joseph Pecore
- 3. Cameron Logan
- 4. Adlai Cleveland

Grass

- 1. Hudson King
- 2. Lennox Lasley
- 3. Damian Funmaker
- 4. Dayven Clairmont

Drum Group Winner

- 1. The Boyz
- 2. Haylushka
- 3. Tha Bucks
- 4. Cricket Hill



Looking to the future

Submitted by Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative staff

The voting tribal members at the 2013 General Council passed the Resolution to Request that the Legislature Establish a Section 17 Corporate Charter. The subject of separation of business and government has been around for a number of years but it wasn’t until 2002 that official recognition of this initiative was first established. It was the following year at the 2003 General Council that Resolution 10-01-03 J was presented as Separation of Business Venture from Government and was adopted by a 46% vote in favor at that time eleven years ago.

The official count of registered voters at the 2013 General Council on Saturday, September 28th was 1,869. There were eighteen resolutions that were presented for the agenda but time only permitted twelve resolutions to be voted on before there was a motion to adjourn. On that day, the Resolution to Establish a Section 17 Corporate Charter was the eighth resolution made into a motion to approve and the final vote was in this order: In Favor 674-49%; Against 573-42%; Abstain 116-9%. The motion carried and the Resolution to Establish a Section 17 Corporate Charter was passed.

The resolutions presented at General Council are a very easy read and get very specific as to the most important points in both the history and

rationale for each resolution. The final detail that was voted on for the Section 17 resolution specifically directed the Legislature to pursue a Section 17 Corporate Charter. That voter consent was a big stride forward which enabled the tribe to become more diverse in seeking ways to pursue various income opportunities and become more independent and not rely only on gaming revenues. Section 17 allows the Nation to expand and increase it sources of revenue and income in many astounding ways.

STEP BY STEP -

Now, going forward and looking to the future, the Legislature will begin plans to meet and plan the next steps that will be necessary to begin the process of establishing the Section 17 Corporate Charter. This next step will be to move towards finalizing all the details of the Corporate Charter “TWELVE CLANS”, some of those details will still need comment from tribal members. In fact, the Area Legislators are anticipating, and requiring, direction from the tribal members in these coming weeks as it becomes necessary to develop the final charter. When the charter is considered most agreeable it can be submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the bureau will in turn file the charter with the Federal Government.

These steps to finalize the corporate charter will

definitely enlist all enrolled members of the Ho-Chunk Nation for their input in the gradual process of defining and selecting the Board of Directors. There has been no doubt that the selection and composition of the Section 17 corporate board of directors has been the most talked about subject. However, everyone agrees that the board should comprise of highly knowledgeable and successfully experienced business people in their own right; all the other details, such as ‘staggered’ term limits for the board members are acceptable as well. The final corporate charter must address the selection of this first board of directors and there have been some good suggestions to solve this single dilemma. As a reminder, once this first assembly of the board of directors has been selected and agreed upon, the Legislature will be required to step back and wait upon the bylaws from the new board of directors.

The bylaws are an integral force of guidelines that the board will use for direction. In some circles the bylaws are also known as a ‘corporate constitution’. Typically the bylaws are the rules and regulations that are used for the operation and management of the corporation. The bylaws will usually contain the details of the main office, the annual meeting and any special meetings and define each of the officers and

their respective duties. The bylaws will also detail the board of directors’ length of terms, their board meetings, any compensation, and the ongoing selection process and will define the removal process of board members. It will be very useful for the Section 17 Corporate Board of Directors to draw up a Strategic Plan that can be used as goals for a blueprint for success.

You may ask again, at what point does the Legislature no longer become involved with the Section 17 Corporation? Again, the way the procedure has been set up, after the board of directors has been seated and they have composed and submitted the corporate bylaws, the Legislature will review the bylaws and approve them on behalf of the Nation. The Legislature will have to make sure that the Tribe’s best interests are considered and protected. Then, after the bylaws are approved and returned to the board of directors, the ties that the Legislature has with the corporation are discontinued from that point. From then on the individual legislators will have the same single vote in the corporation as each tribal member has as a shareholder and enrolled Ho-Chunk.

GAINING CONTROL

There can be no doubt that the Ho-Chunk Nation is at a historic point in time after approving to establish the Section 17 Corporation.

At the Public Forums on Economic Diversification there were several tribal members asking why this endeavor of change was necessary. It seems that this plan along with its advanced foresight has come forward during a time when the economic future of the Nation has become at risk. States surrounding Wisconsin have been proposing competitive open gaming and internet gaming that could cause a significant drop in the tribe’s gaming revenues; it would only be a matter of time before Wisconsin could decide to do the same. With a Section 17 corporation, there are now several opportunities to expand and diversify the non-gaming revenue potential that lies ahead.

It would not be redundant to remind tribal members to stay alert for the developing details to establish a Section 17 Corporate Charter; this is so important and so basic to the future of the Ho-Chunk Nation’s economic diversification! The most direct way of staying in touch with economic diversification is to talk with your Area Legislator. They stand ready and look forward to your comments and they are sincerely hoping to hear from you in these vital formative weeks ahead. Please contact your Area Legislator about Section 17 before the end of this month of October.

Ground zero, hands-on

By wapakununkmaniwinga of the pacaci, Hocungra Submitted by Gloria Visintin

LCO Harvest Campsite
According to reports on the internet, “Gogebic Taconite Mining LLC mining company purchased mineral rights to 21,000 acres of land in the Penokee Mountain Range proposing to build an open pit mine 4 ½ miles long, 1000 feet wide, and 900 feet deep” right at the site topping Wisconsin’s Lake Superior Watershed which furnishes waterways and groundwater. This mining issue is a political foot ball throughout Wisconsin with national and international citizens, along with public media and many conservation organizations concerning this mining issue. I will not deal with those items here in this story. Our trip was a trip to touch hands and look into the faces of those living at ground zero, and to feel their concerns.

At 6:36 pm on Sunday, September 22, 2013 , my sister my nephew, and I checked into our lodge rooms at the Bad River Casino Lodge, and then left to search for the campsite which was located at the base of the Penokee Mountain Range. The campsite was half an hour’s drive from the lodge and was 25 miles away. The Penokee Range is the third highest elevation in the state of Wisconsin. It was sundown and my nephew was driving directly into the sun when he swerved just in time to avoid hitting a large doe. We headed in the direction of Mellen, Wisconsin. The town of Mellen will disappear from the face of the Earth if a proposed taconite mine is opened in the Penokee Range. Some families have lived there for generations enjoying the multi-billion year-round tourist industry which is a vital force to the northern communities. We had gone full circle and exclaimed, “De ja vu!” chuckling, as we made a turn in the road, having been at that point for the third time. We came upon the gravel dead end road which would, hopefully, lead us to the campsite.

All of a sudden it hit me; here we were going to a

strange camp in the middle of nowhere; five counties away, 500 miles roundtrip, to meet strangers we had never met before. It was getting dark which further fueled my apprehension. I am a 72 year-old grandma, why am I doing this? I should be at home in my own safe living room being a couch potato. As a child I asked my grandfather, Manchgwaneega; ‘Grandpa, why do you always carry an axe when you go into the woods?’ He replied, “You should always respect the woods, be prepared, you never know what is there.” It was then that I remembered why I was there; it was because I had an even greater fear, the fear of what would happen to my own grandchildren, and their grandchildren, generations after, with the destruction of the waters which was their life-giving force.

At the dead end of the gravel road, my nephew exclaimed, “I think we are here, there is the Ho-Chunk flag!” Sure enough, barely seen in the darkness, to our left, were 7 flags; the southernmost flag being the flag of our Hochunk nation. I felt great relief that in this outpost, far from home, in the deep woods, we saw our familiar white, blue, and green flag standing with 6 other native nations. I knew then, we were destined to be there. Something good was happening. We had found the campsite and were greeted by friendly voices. We were invited to enter the camp and were given chairs to sit down. Our hosts asked if we had eaten, we had. We introduced ourselves and explained where we came from, and that we were here to find out what was happening at ground zero. Our host, Mel was a Vietnam veteran and a member of the Ojibway Nation. He explained that the camp was funded by donations. Their mission was to educate and inform people of the issue affecting the lives, and the survival, of all the inhabitants living near the waterways and groundwaters south of Lake Superior, which is mostly all the state of Wisconsin. He told us other organizations, globally,



A lodge was built at the campsite located at the base of the Penokee Mountain Range.

nationally, and locally, were deeply concerned about the threat and risk to the wetlands of Wisconsin by the proposed taconite mine.

“The Kakagon and Bad River Sloughs, (pronounced sloos) at the mouth of the Bad River Watershed on Lake Superior, have been designated a Wetland of International Importance. They host a diversity of habitat, plants, and animals, are a spawning and nursery area for fish; and provide a stopover for migratory birds.” (Penokee Hills, Education Project, 616 West Main Street, Ashland Wisconsin, 54806, www.miningimpactcoalition.org)

Mel told us other Ho-Chunk members had been there. We were pleased to learn that our Ho-Chunk Nation President, Mr. John Greendeer, had been to the campsite, in the interest of our Ho-Chunk Nation, and to support the water issue for our generation and for generations to come. On August 1, 2013, our Ho-Chunk leader was there to raise our Ho-Chunk flag, along with Ho-Chunk Elder, Traditional Court member, former Ho-Chunk President, and US Army Veteran, Mr. Conroy Greendeer. The Ho-Chunk flag song was

sung at the Penokee Hills at the headwaters of the Lake Superior Watershed. Our brothers, the northern tribes, constructed a lodge on the Lac Du Flambeau Reservation for the Ho-Chunk brothers and on August 2, 2013, the Ho-Chunk guests gave a feast honoring Grandmother Earth. A people’s leader should have oversite in anything that concerns the welfare and the well-being of his people, especially in this issue where our very survival is concerned. This mining issue is not a racial issue; it is an issue which concerns the survival of all living creatures living in and around the Lake Superior watershed.

I explained to Mel that my great grandmother, Wapereskawinga, taught my father Jambakeeyadess, that the natural springs were sacred sites, and she and my father would stop at the sites to offer prayers to the Earthmaker for the water and give a food offering to the living things around in thanksgiving. Mel informed us that a natural spring, an artesian well, is located on the Penokee range 2 miles from the campsite. I asked Mel if it would be ok for me, as is our Ho-Chunk custom, to offer prayers to ask the Earthmaker to bless the waters and protect all the people involved in the preservation of such a gift. He said yes and I did.

The mining company had no weapons or arms permit but immediately placed masked, armed guards on the site of the mineral rights purchase. Mel said the local law enforcement reached a dilemma when he chose to set up the LCO camp at the Iron County public lands site where he was at. The locals had never encountered such an event. Though Mel has seen and been part of the violence of the worst kind in history, in the Vietnam war, he promotes peace and non-violence in this universal effort to preserve our rich natural resources. Since the establishment of the site, to-

date, he has had no conflict with local law enforcement. I was pleasantly surprised to learn Mel’s full name is Mel Gaspar, of whom I had just read, that same afternoon on the internet highway. Mel said he planned to stay through the winter at the outpost and was preparing to get ready for the typical freezing Wisconsin winter at the base of the Penokee Mountain Range. I know Mel is very capable of doing that winter camp, since he is a trained military veteran in our US forces, knowing how to survive under the most dire circumstances. His resolve is very evident by his efforts. I look upon Mel Gaspar as one of my heroes and as a true Ojibway warrior standing as a sentinel guarding our land as all warriors do. I respect his concern since it is not just his concern but the concern of thousands of other human beings living in the path of impending danger. Mel Gaspar mentioned that some people are more interested in the invasive plant species which has begun on our lands than the **people** who have lived on those lands for generations and for hundreds of years. I put forth that the most threatening of “invasive species” is man himself, who is the most destructive and dangerous of all species.

We left the LCO Harvest Campsite at approximately 10:30 PM, returning to the casino lodge at around 11:00PM., more than satisfied that we had reached persons directly involved hands-on

The fish hatchery
It was September 23, 2013, Monday, and we awoke on the Bad River Anishinabbe Chippewa Indian Reservation. The term “Bad River” is not an Anishinabbe name given to the beautiful prolific river that served, and is still serving, so many people for so many centuries. The Anishinabbe use the word “mashkisibi” in their own indigenous language in reference to the river and its marshes. The Chippewa language does



President Jon Greendeer and tribal elder, Conroy Greendeer with the Ho-Chunk Nation flag, which is one of seven flags flown at the camp gate.

not describe the river as “bad”. It was a beautiful morning. It was the typical, fresh, fall invigorating day. The northern foliage was turning into its most brilliant attire of the season. My nephew, Little Eagle, was our very competent driver and never failed to keep us on the right road even though we were not in our familiar native environment. We are Ho-chungra and we were in Ojibway territory. Little Eagle is skilled in modern technology and uses a GPS device whenever needed. Gone are the smoke signals of yore. We were fortunate to have Little Eagle with us. Along with his skills, Little Eagle holds a passionate interest in ongoing preservation efforts regarding the Wisconsin headwaters.

We got directions at the lodge desk and Little Eagle headed the car in the direction of the fish hatchery which was on the Kakagon and Bad River Sloughs where the female walleye and perch spawn and provide the eggs for hatching. We were fortunate to meet Mr. Ed Lioso who is part of the hatchery crew. Mr. Lioso explained that the fish hatchery releases 125 million, 1/16 of an inch minnows into the Lake Superior headwaters annually. The fish hatchery was founded by Richard Couture in 1970. Mr. Couture worked the hatchery for 15 years and passed away at the age of 59. He left behind a powerful legacy for all of his Bad River Ojibway Nation and the state of Wisconsin as well. The fish hatchery is funded \$250,000 annually by the Bad River Band Ojibway. A crew of 6 Ojibway tribal members work the fish hatchery from April to September. The crew starts out every day at 8 AM and collects the 16 nets they have set out on the waterways between posts set in the waterbed which has a water depth from 9 feet to 35 feet at flood levels. They take the daily catch to the hatchery; sort out the fish, extract the eggs from the females, and deposit the eggs in the containers where they hatch. The minnows are then released at the 4 major sites located throughout the reservation which is at the headwaters of the Lake Superior Watershed. The fish replenish the watershed and start the cycle again thanks to the diligence and hard work of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. We were invited by Mr. Ed Lioso to the Harvest Feast at the community building.

The Harvest Mdewin Pipe Ceremony

We arrived at the Harvest feast at 11:30 AM. We entered the community building. The complex conveniently is the location of the tribal

administration offices, convenience store, gas station, post office, fitness center, and an IGA store in back of the convenience store. We entered the community building which also is a gymnasium, and has beautiful kitchen facilities. There was a long set of banquet tables set up and carried every kind of food one could possibly think of; venison and gravy, chicken, ham, mashed potatoes, squash, corn, wild rice, beef corn soup, fry bread, berries; blue, black, raspberries, strawberries, fresh vegetables of every kind and color. It was a home-grown, Ojibway cooked, fresh feast beyond compare, no preservatives added, with the food being grown on the Bad River Reservation in carefully tended gardens. As we entered, chairs were brought for us, and we sat down. The pipe ceremony had just begun. The Cultural Director was guiding a new Keeper of the Pipe through his first ceremony. There are two Pipe Leaders; one female and one male. We watched as the pipe ceremony went through the beautiful gestures. The pipe with tobacco was passed from person to person and we were invited to participate in the honor of the waters and the harvest. When the smoking of the pipe was finished, the Pipe Leader asked someone who spoke their native language to please say the prayer for the feast. I was the only one who raised her hand. I was invited to pray at the Mdewin Harvest Feast in my native tongue and bless the meal. Years before, my father, Giskamaniga, a Ho-Chunk warrior, had handed me tobacco and told me that I must use tobacco and pray whenever the opportunity arose. I was deeply humbled that I was unexpectedly asked to pray in my own Ho-Chunk tongue at this Mashkisibi Harvest Mdewin Feast of the Ojibway Nation. The Pipe Leader put tobacco in my hand and I began my prayer to Mauna that He would bless the harvest, the meal, the Ojibway Nation, and the waters. I prayed that Mauna would grant us strength in our challenges ahead, to help us all to survive and to keep our waters pure. I asked that the lives and the well-being of the keepers of the waters would be forever blessed as well as all of our grandchildren and all the generations to come. When I finished praying; the Pipe Leader requested me to take the tobacco I held in my hand, and sprinkle it on the plate of food she held in her hands so that she could take it outside as an offering of thanksgiving to Mauna for His grace and His benevolence. The food we ate of plants and animals were nurtured by the headwaters of Lake Superior. The Great

Lakes contain 20% of the surface fresh water on the planet Earth. The Great Lakes furnish 90% of available water to the United States.

The boat ride at Ground Zero

After the Harvest feast, the Bad River Anishinabbe Tribal Chairman, Mr. Mike Wiggins Jr., arranged that we would take a boat ride out into the pure Kakagon and Bad River Sloughs into Lake Superior. We departed for the sloughs and Lake Superior at 1:07 PM. The Bad River Ojibway Nation are the proud and willing caretakers of the Kakagon and Bad River Sloughs. The sloughs cover an area of 16,000 acres of marsh and water. The sloughs run parallel to Lake Superior and form a natural coastal spit which protects the marshes and sloughs from the powerful coastal waves of Lake Superior. Only the Bad River Ojibway Nation members are allowed to fish the sloughs. Ice fishing is allowed only on the Bad River where salmon, walleye, sturgeon, trout, carp, and perch are abundant.

We had the privilege and pleasure of meeting the grandson of the founder of the fish hatchery, Mr. Ken Couture, who has worked 43 years at the hatchery since 1972 at the age of 17. He was our guide and boatman into the sloughs. He was a pleasant quiet, 60 year-old Anishinabbe gentleman with a strong, medium build, He had a thick shock of wavy black hair interspersed with silver. You knew immediately that Ken loved the world he was in. He had spent all of his life in the headwaters and was proud to let us know it. I put on my life jacket and took a seat on a comfortable cushion and prepared myself for a journey into a world I had never been in, The Headwaters of the mighty Lake Superior. There are 23 streams, creeks, lakes and rivers that flow through the heart of the Bad River Nation and out into Lake Superior. The Bad River is one of the world’s last remaining wild rivers. The Bad River Ojibway Reservation is one of the 2 last remaining bastions of pure waters. The natural headwaters have been intact for centuries. We were about to take a magnificent journey into the past, into how the world used to be. Ken guided the boat through the graceful curves of the slough and a certain peace and tranquility settled upon us which feeling I have not been able to forget. We fell into a silence as we were captured and entranced by the slough. The only sound being the steady drone of the launch we were riding in. We were invigorated by the rich, oxygen in the air. There was a gentle breeze, and we smelled the clean sweet smell of fresh, pure water and plants. We were gliding past tall, dark green, wide blades of grass and cattails. The muskrats have built their lodges of mud and sticks along the waterway, and, occasionally, one of them would pop its shiny, slippery head up. Turtles sat on driftwood trees sticking out of the water. Occasionally



LCO Harvest Camp banner.

a fish would flip out of the water, flashing briefly. Green lily pads grew in abundance and here and there a white lotus lily would glow in the sun preening in its glory. Thick, foliated trees grew along the waterway. There was an endless marriage of trees, marsh grass, water, and sky. It was as if we were the only humans that ever existed. In the far distance we could see the gray Penokee hills lying peacefully like a gentle, sleeping giant. Seagulls and other birds would fly overhead gently soaring and hunting for fish. These wetlands are home to warblers, blue herons, bald eagles, and many endangered species. As we got deeper into the slough, Ken broke the silence to point out the rice beds to our right, where the Anishinabbe have harvested rice for centuries. Ken said that to the right of the rice beds was a cranberry field which was hardly ever entered. I expressed surprise to Ken and told him ”Ho-Chunk” meant “cranberries” in our native language and “Hochungra “ meant “The Cranberry People” I explained that we were known as the “Cranberry People” since we tended cranberries for many centuries until the other peoples came and claimed the cranberry marshes for themselves. My nephew, Little Eagle, lay at the prow of the boat where he remained throughout the entire cruise, watching the water and its inhabitants as they flew under us. Gradually we were heading for the glistening dark turquoise water of Lake Superior. The Lake had a distinctly different color where it met the slough. We came to “the Eagles Beak” which describes the tip of the headwaters. We could see the Madeline Islands far off below the horizon. In the distant shoreline we could see the cities of Bayfield, Ashburn and Ashland, Wisconsin. The water was becoming choppy and Ken said it would be too risky for us to go into it too far. Ken turned the boat to the left in a wide turn as the seagulls became more numerous and noticeable. We also noticed a buoy in the waters. We turned and headed back to the Headwaters. I felt a twinge of sadness as we turned back to be leaving this sanctuary and all the serene, life-giving purity it is. As we headed back, gliding south through the glistening Headwaters, I shuddered to think of the

proposed taconite mine and what it would do to these headwaters. I put my hand out to feel the wet spray of Lake Superior and put my hands in prayer one more time to pray for these hallowed waters and the creatures who are blessed thereof. I cannot imagine that what took millions of years to build would be destroyed in a decade.

“The proposed Taconite mine would obliterate the natural water processes and destroy wetland and water quality throughout the watershed and beyond...The ore mine would generate 560 million tons of tailings, 350 tons of waste rock...damming at least one river critical to the Bad River people...filling in nearly 1000 acres of significant and irreplaceable wetlands...much of the removed rock contains sulfides and could lead to the acidification of water and heavy metal contamination in the watershed...” The mine would bring ”heavy metal (arsenic, lead, and mercury) contamination of groundwater, surface water and fish...drawdown of the water table, disappearing waterways and aquifers...contamination from mining projects persists for thousands of years.” (Defend the Bad River, P,O, Box 39, Odanah, Wisconsin, 54861)

My deep gratitude to: **Ahuskawinga**, my sister, who sponsored this once-in-a-lifetime trip; **Caxsepxunuga**, my nephew, and our navigator; **Mr. Mike Wiggins Jr.**, Bad River Tribal Chairman, and his wonderful warm, generous, Ojibway Nation, for the kind hospitality and respect that was given to us on this priceless journey; **Mr. Mel Gaspar**, for his respect, courage, and kind attention; **Mr. Ed Lioso**, for his teaching in the fish hatchery; **Mr. Ken Couture**, for the magnificent ride and guidance in the sloughs of Lake Superior; **Ms Edith Lioso**, for her cultural teaching and for the honors in the Pipe Ceremony; **Mr. Jon Greendeer**, Ho-Chunk Nation President, for his support and participation in this worthy cause for survival; **Mr. Conroy Greendeer**, for his participation in the flag ceremony, supporting our traditions and our Ojibway brothers in this universal effort.



Ho-Chunk Nation caravan of vehicles parked at the camp.

Grant awarded to First Nations Community Financial

Submitted by Francesca Bird

The US Department of the Treasury’s Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund) has announced a \$136,090 Native American CDFI Assistance (NACA) grant award to First Nations Community Financial (FNCF) of Black River Falls, Wisconsin. As noted by CDFI Fund Director

Donna Gambrel, “The FY 2013 NACA Program awards will lead to increased loans for small businesses, affordable housing, and community facilities in Native Communities, in addition to basic financial services that are essential to building household wealth and stability. “As the award-making arm of the CDFI Fund’s Native Initiatives, the NACA Program has

consistently supported the unique organizations that are doing such vital work in these communities.”

The grant to FNCF will be a major boost to the agency’s development. First Nations Community Financial (FNCF), is an independent, legally separate agency, actively applying for 501C (3) non-profit status. The Native CDFI, currently led by Acting Director

Francesca Bird, provides small consumer loans, credit-repair loans, and small-business loans, in addition to one on one credit coaching and financial-empowerment training. FNCF’s office is located in Black River Falls, WI. FNCF’s target market is the Ho-Chunk Nation tribal community and other Native Americans within a 250 mile radius of the main office. FNCF will use its FY 2013

NACA grant award to build a stand-alone organization. FNCF will, as CDFI Fund Director Gambrel states, “add further momentum towards overcoming the lending barriers in Native communities and towards the ambitious goals in the CDFI Fund’s comprehensive Native Initiatives Strategic Plan.”

First Nations Community Financial acheives certification from United State Department of the Treasury

Submitted by Francesca Bird

We are pleased to announce that the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (the CDFI fund) has certified First Nations Community Financial as a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). First Nations Community Financial (FNCF) was officially certified on May 14, 2013.

Certification as a CDFI means that an organization meets the CDFI eligibility requirements. The CDFI eligibility requirements are described in the CDFI Program regulations at 12 CFR Section 1805.201. These requirements relate to an organization having a primary mission of promoting community development, predominantly serving and maintaining accountability to eligible target markets, being a financing entity, providing developmental services and not being either a government entity or controlled by a government entity.

First Nations Community Financial is an Emerging Native Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), established

by Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HHCDA) to provide financial education, strengthen our community’s economic development, and promote homeownership. FNCF officially separated from HHCDA in May of 2010 to become our own organization. Native CDFIs bring in capital from various sources to lend back to our community members at competitive rates. Our Native CDFI not only provides loan products and other services, but we are able to equip our customers with knowledge and skills to prepare for future financial opportunities. Unlike regular financial institutions, FNCF is not a bank or credit union. FNCF’s mission is to “strengthen Native American families and communities by providing the highest level of personal financial services.”

If you have any questions or would like more information on First Nations Community Financial and what services or products we offer, please be sure to contact First Nations Community Financial at 715-284-2470 or by email at fncf@ho-chunk.com.



HO-CHUNK NATION
Department of Business

Tax-Free Fuel Policy

Submitted by Brian Dec-
orah, Executive Director of
Business

To qualify for the fuel tax exemption, the customer must show their official Ho-Chunk Nation (HCN) issued Tribal I.D. Card that clearly displays their name and photograph at every fuel purchase. HCN enrolled members are only allowed one discount per vehicle. This means that the customer must be the passenger or the driver of the vehicle that the fuel has been pumped into. If the Tribal member does not produce the HCN issued

Tribal I.D. Card or is not the passenger or and driver of the vehicle the tax exempt status will not be honored.

If the Tribal member appears to be too young to drive, employees are required to request to see a state issued driver’s license. If the driver’s license is not shown the tax exempt status will not be honored. Learner’s permits will be allowed to receive the tax exempt status.

Please explain to the Ho-Chunk member that this is a requirement from the State of Wisconsin, not the Ho-Chunk Nation.

SUMMONS
(Second Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Logan Settle, Petitioner, v. Kirby Hengel, Respondent.
Case : CS 13-26

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Kirby Hengel

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed **can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.** *Id.*, § 2.6c.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court’s mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

SUMMONS
(First Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Andrea Storm-Pence, Plaintiff(s), v. Linda Hopinkah, Defendant(s).
Case : CV 13-18

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S): Linda Hopinkah

You are hereby informed that you have been named a defendant in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Complaint* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Complaint* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this *Summons* in . See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record and provide the Court with a *Certificate of Service*. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed **can result in a default judgment being entered against you.** *Id.*, Rule 54.

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SUMMONS
(First Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation and HCN Housing & Community Development Agency, Plaintiff(s), v. Melody White Eagle-Fintak, Defendant(s).
Case : CV 12-79

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S): Melody White Eagle-Fintak

You are hereby informed that you have been named a defendant in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Complaint* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Complaint* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this *Summons* in . See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record and provide the Court with a *Certificate of Service*. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed **can result in a default judgment being entered against you.** *Id.*, Rule 54.

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SUMMONS
(Second Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Vincent M. Edge, Petitioner, v. Rebekka M. Redcloud, Respondent.
Case : CS 13-28

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Rebekka M. Redcloud

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed **can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.** *Id.*, § 2.6c.

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November 2013 District Meetings

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If you or a friend are interested in quitting smoking contact Louise Voss or Holly Rodenberg at the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center at 715-284-9851 for more information.

We have two sets of classes starting in October. One set will be at the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center and the other will be at Ho-Chunk Gaming; Black River Falls. (Snacks provided.)

HO-CHUNK HEALTH CARE CENTER	HO-CHUNK GAMING; BLACK RIVER FALLS
October 14 th 10:00-12:00	October 23 rd 1:00-3:00
October 21 st 10:00-12:00	October 31 st 1:00-3:00
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November 4 th 10:00-12:00	November 13 th 1:00-3:00
November 6 th 10:00-12:00	November 15 th 1:00-3:00
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November 18 th 10:00-12:00	November 27 th 1:00-3:00
November 25 th 10:00-12:00	December 4 th 1:00-3:00



NOTICE

REGULAR TERO COMMISSION MEETING

**November 13, 2013
(WEDNESDAY)**
5:00-7:00 p.m.

**Department of Labor – Conference Room
Tribal Office Building – Black River Falls**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Nicholas Kedrowski, TERO DIRECTOR
715-284-5877

Notice of Monthly Meeting HHCDA Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency (HUD Housing)

HHCDA Commissioners Lee Brown Jr., Karena Thundercloud, Colin Carrimon, Francis Decorah, Martin Littlewolf Jr., Leonard Walker, Gerald Cleveland, Terrence Johnson, Cheri Byhre, Lisa Stroessner, and John Dall Will meet on Thursday, October 24th, 2013, at 6:00 PM, at the HHCDA Office in Tomah (Corner of Monoway Street & Sime Avenue). Agenda items by noon on Monday, August 14th, 2013 to the Board Secretary at 608-374-1245, extension 222.

Patrol Lieutenant Monroe County Sheriff's Office Sparta, WI

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Salary: \$22.40 - \$28.00 per hour
Benefits: Wisconsin retirement fund; Health insurance; Life insurance; Sick leave; Dental; Paid holidays; Clothing allowance; Deferred compensation; Vacation.
Qualifications: U.S. citizen; Driver license; Good driving record; Good physical condition; Eligibility for Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board Certification; High school diploma; Bachelor degree; Master degree – preferred; Ability to possess a firearm; No felony convictions; No domestic abuse convictions; Vision correctable to 20/20; Good verbal and written communication skills; React quickly and effectively to stressful situations; Able to work evenings, weekends, and holidays; Knowledge and skills in operating computer systems; Clear and concise speech; Ability to handle several tasks simultaneously; Supervisory/Management experience; Ability to perform essential functions of this position; Ability to use all standard law enforcement equipment; At least 5 years of law enforcement experience, including experience as a patrol deputy; At least 1 year of supervisory and/or management experience.
Apply By: 4:00 PM, 10/18/2013 **Submit:** DJ-LE-330, Resume
Contact: Ed Smudde, Monroe County Personnel Department 14345 Co. Hwy B, Rm. 3, Sparta, WI 54656-4509
Phone: (608) 269-8719 • Fax: (608) 366-1809
Email: Ed.Smudde@co.monroe.wi.us
Notes: Written exam; Oral interviews; Psychological profile; Medical examination; Vision examination; Drug screening; Background investigation; Physical fitness/agility screening; Personnel Evaluation Profile. ON DJ-LE-330 COMPLETE THE 3 QUESTIONS IN SECTION 6. Be sure to indicate on the top of the application that the position applied for is "Deputy Sheriff."
AA/ADA/EOE

Domestic Violence Hurts Everyone

According to Amnesty International "violence against women is one of the most pervasive human rights abuses. It is also one of the most hidden. It takes place in intimate relationships, within the family and at the hands of strangers and it affects women in every country in the world.... Indigenous peoples in the USA face deeply entrenched marginalization – the result of a long history of systemic and pervasive abuse and persecution. Sexual violence against Indigenous women today is informed and conditioned by this legacy of widespread and egregious human rights abuses."

United States Department of Justice
(April 2013).
Retrieved from <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/tribal.html>


Walk anytime between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M.

OCTOBER WALKS

Tomah	@ Community Bldng.	Oct. 17, 2013
Baraboo	@ House of Wellness	Oct. 23, 2013
Black River Falls	@ TOB	Oct. 31, 2013


tee-shirts , gift bags for walkers
while supplies last.

STOP



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Violence Against Women



Like us on facebook
HCN Domestic Violence Program

This event is sponsored by the HCN Domestic Abuse Division of Social Services
HCN Domestic Abuse Crisis Hotline:
CRISIS HOTLINE: (877) 847-8689

<http://www.now.org/nnt/spring-2001/nativeamerican.html>



Ho-Chunk Area Golf Association Meeting

November 2, 2013

Nekoosa at the Rainbow Grille

Start time 10:00 am

We'll be getting ready for our next year's season.
Bring your golf dates, and issues for the agenda

Youth and Family College Fair, December 14th

On December 14th, The Ho-Chunk Higher Education Division will hold a Youth and Family College Fair. The Youth and Family College Fair will be held at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls. The event is to provide youth with exposure to academic fields and career opportunities. The day will encourage kids to start thinking about their futures by providing them with real life hands-on activities in a college and career setting.

The activities at each station will be lead by college institutions through simulations, demonstrations, and competitions. Special Guests will be in attendance speaking, the event will serve 3rd-12th grade students, and lunch will be provided.

All families are invited to attend. For further information about the event, please contact Jordan Kappen at (715) 284-4915 or jordan.kappen@ho-chunk.com.

HOUSING MEETING/ POTLUCK

WHO: MILWAUKEE AREA 4 TRIBAL MEMBERS

WHERE: MILWAUKEE BRANCH OFFICE
3501 SOUTH HOWELL, MILWAUKEE, WI 53208

WHEN: WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16TH, 2013

TIME: AT 5:00 PM.

DO WE WANT APARTMENTS?

DO WE WANT LAND FOR HOUSING?

DO WE WANT TO OWN OUR OWN HOMES?

PLEASE COME AND GIVE YOUR INPUT

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
CONTACT TRAVIS GREENGRASS (414) 405-6936


Attention Hunters!

Dates to Remember:

Bow	September 14 – November 21
Gun	November 23 – January 5, 2013
Muzzleloader	November 23 – December 1
	December 2 – December 11

Review the 2013 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations for additional details.

2013 HCN Hunting Packets are now available.
Please contact or stop into the HCN DNR office to get a copy.
(800) 944-1652





HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT
OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DIVISIONS:
Youth Services • Child and Family Services
Community Support Services • Tribal Aging
Child Support Enforcement

SOCIAL SERVICES – CFS WE NEED YOUR HELP HO-CHUNK CHILDREN Need placement now

For HCN Children ages Birth to 14 years and,
For Siblings groups that must remain together
Placement families are needed who can provide
a safe, secure and stable environment
Placement parenting can be both rewarding and
challenging, yet make a life-long positive impact
on the placement parents, children and young.

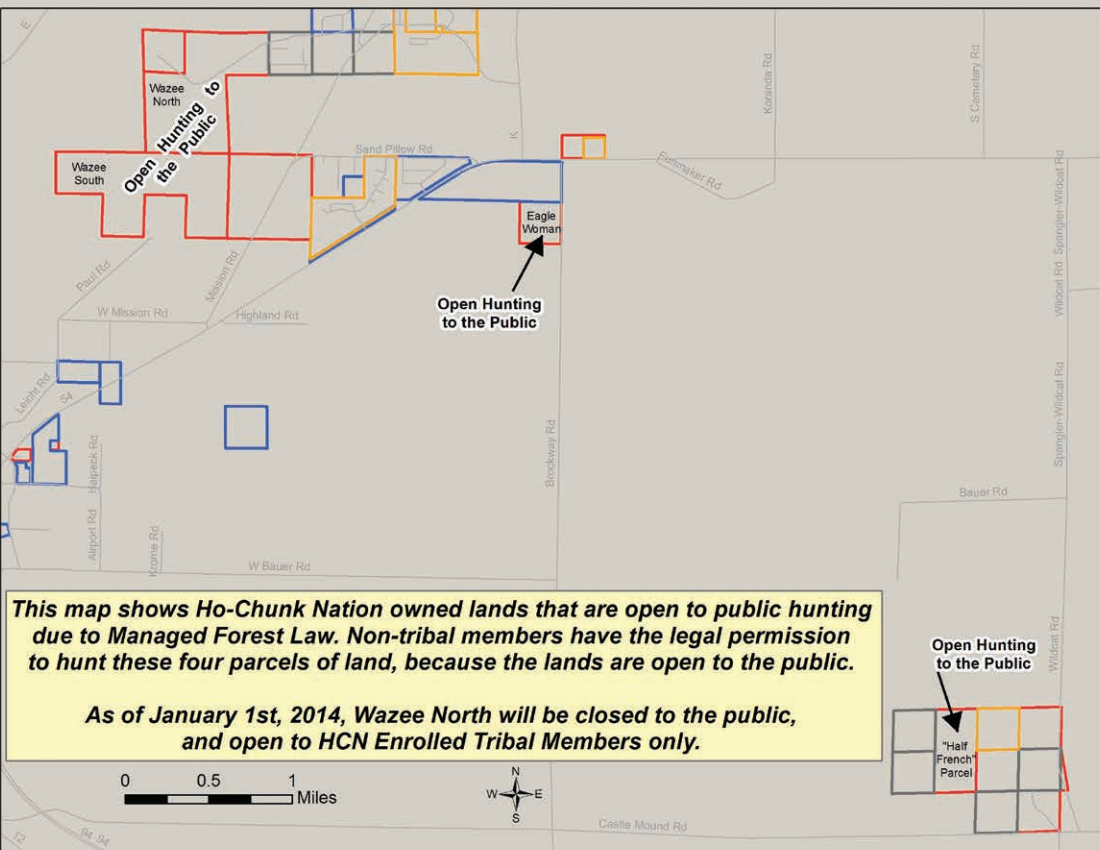
PLEASE CONTACT US:
CALL: Myrna or Karen at 715-284-2622
FAX: 715-284-0097
TOLL FREE: 1-800-343-8190

Ho-Chunk Family Needed

CFS is recruiting a Ho-Chunk Family for the specific placement of four Ho-Chunk siblings, three boys and one girl. If you have room in your home and wish to help provide stability to four children who need day care and elementary school, please contact Myrna Thompson, Placement Parent Coordinator, at 715-284-2622 ext. 5107.

Families must have no felony convictions and not more than two misdemeanors within the last five years.

PO Box 40, 808 Red Iron Rd., Black River Falls, WI 54615
Ph. 715-284-2622 Toll Free 1-888-343-8190
Child and Family Services Intake Number:
715-284-7749 Toll Free 1-855-659-8820
www.ho-chunknation.com



This map shows Ho-Chunk Nation owned lands that are open to public hunting due to Managed Forest Law. Non-tribal members have the legal permission to hunt these four parcels of land, because the lands are open to the public.

As of January 1st, 2014, Wazee North will be closed to the public, and open to HCN Enrolled Tribal Members only.

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Wazee North, Wazee South, Eagle Woman, and Half French Parcel are marked as 'Open Hunting to the Public'.

CDL Training Prep Class

"Who wants to drive Chief around?"


Breaker 1-9 Breaker 1-9

Calling all Tribal Members!

TERO is hosting a CDL Learner's Permit prep class on October 21th, 2013
This permit is required for anyone wishing to take our CDL Class later this fall.
Time: 10:00 a.m. Location: BRF TBD

Please register with a TERO Case Manager as soon as possible
715-284-5877 or email: TERO@Ho-Chunk.com
HCN TERO and 477 FEDERAL PROGRAM





Happy 13th Birthday
Hinukmani
October 20, 2013
Love, Nani Fawn,
Toto Troy Bear & Bugg



Rachel Cloud & Nick Perez
won the
“World’s Championship
Cricket Medley”

We are all so proud of you, and wish you the best of luck in the “International Dart’s Championship Tournament” in October!!! As well as when you go overseas to play in the “International Darts Tournament” in Korea next year!



Rachel Cloud and Melanie Mofsie took 7th in the “National Finals”

36th Annual


VETERANS DAY POW-WOW

VOLK FIELD - CAMP DOUGLAS, WI

Saturday Nov. 9, 2013

In Honor Of
128th Infantry Company D, 32nd “Red Arrow” Division





Individuals in photo: William Decorah, Allen Decorah, Russius Decorah, Foster Decorah, George Miner & John Miner

Program of Events:

11:00 AM	Flag Raising Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post129, Welcome to post Meal Provided by D.O.R.A.
Noon	
1:00 PM	Keynote Speaker Sandra Winneshiek Pow-wow Grand Entry Evening Meal Provided By D.O.R.A.
5:00 PM	

Alcohol or drug use is strictly prohibited. Organizers and event hosts are not responsible for any personal items or property.

Pow-wow Information:

Host Drum
Thundercloud Singers
Open Drum
Family Veterans Songs
Traditional Giveaways
Fundraisers
Auction: Donated by D.O.R.A.

Contact: Quentin Thundercloud
(608) 372-9558

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